

all my family are well, but I have been
here since Autumn
I have not seen
anything long to hear
from you. I am
a few days, probably you
with course of Lord
M. M. M. M. M.
Mary. I am happy
here with Henry, my
son, this winter, & the
time passes usefully & pleas-
antly, in the midst of son,
daughter & the three grand-
children. My public work
in life has not come to
me as I should have thought

Very interesting

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Madison
My love to the Wythevilles
when you write.
I hope I have
written to Mr. M.
to quote some

need for it to come, I
should have given my
earlier life to my
Children wholly, I suppose,
if I had been laying
a plan at the outset,
& have brought for public
good in later life. But
it was not to be so: there
was need of me then,
& there is no need of me
now; - I mean in any
strenuous, absorbing sense
for I draw with the millions
the stones of reconstruction,

just as I was in Anti-Slavery ones - as the great

thought we were alone
 in the duty of denunciation.
 I am much interested
 in the Freedmen's aid mat-
 ter, & feel most gratefully
 what our English friends
 have been willing to do.
 Run your own business &
 look at Lane's! — "is
 the response of the egotist
 & ambitious, ill-judging,
 that call Garrison names, &
 think that "the ballot box
 is Payson's" — is a suitable
 civilized motto for these times.
 See that they will do no
 harm, because every body

almost knows better.

The only difference among
the ruling majority about
 negro suffrage, now is how
best to get it; how best to
let alone the practical difficul-
ties. And this is being accom-
plished with more rapidity
than could have been sup-
posed possible.

The president, & our
Mass^{ts} - Senator Mr Sumner,
differ, & the latter calls the
former names. But if the latter
were in place of the former
he would be obliged to do exactly
the same. The majority are
now really anti-slavery more
or less, & they are all mereas-

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ingly so; insomuch.

That I see the wind &
tide carrying along with them
the few that cry & row brok-
ers, 'Now!' But the need
of rowing, — of progression
by antagonism, — is over.
If these few, who are reduced
to sitting still in their boat,
& pushing against the fa-
vouring waves, could but
change their means accord-
ing to the change of times,
they would save themselves
the compassions of the
good & the ridicule of
the bad. But habit is

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inevitable — They will
wear shaks in the
summers, & the like.
They are now engaged in
depreciating the freedom's
and movement, exactly
as if it were a Coloniza-
tion Society, or plan for the
amelioration of Slavery,
instead of being, as it is,
the reconstruction of States in
Freedom. But all this
you know & see, my
dear friend. I will men-
ly make it a point

from which to start.

I am happy to be
able to say that as time
goes on, there is less &
less Anglo-phobia. I think
events are teaching our
people that neutrality
is not hostility, not individ-
ual cupidity, to be accounted
National sin. Land is
not England, we are find-
ing out; nor the Times
& the four reviews the
empire of Great Britain.
I cannot express to
you the satisfaction with

which I see our Foreign
as well as our domestic
relations becoming what
they should be.

I have forbore to
write much during these
struggles, because I knew
that there ^{were} as many minds
as persons, ~~and~~ that there
was no need of filling
your cup with the over-
abundance of our acid &
alkali. The present
matters, like the dust after
sweeping, need no assistance
to settle of themselves, - &
like the dust - they can be
managed better by any other

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 Means than by aeta
 ting. Quiet hard work
 now, is better than
 anything else. I cannot
 be too glad that I had
 experience of life an-
 swer to our A.S. life, so
 that I did not get so
 sent to battle, in the day
 when battle was abine
made now, that I am
 able to fulfil the duties
 of victory.
 I have your
 labours with &
 for our cause, in

the days of battle
in constant & grateful
remembrance. If your
dear Luther had but
seen this day! - I often
say. But he did see it,
in the prophetic vision
that devoted labour gives.
He had never a doubt of
the final result, any
more than ourselves: tho'
like ourselves he would,
most likely, have been
surprised at so speedy

a result.

I often look at the photographed drawing-rooms & the rest of the house where your mutual kindness made us so happy, — but my mind is in no need of them, being fuller of memories than my eye is of forms, as I look at them.

Our dear & Honoured friend Garrison is well, & highly appreciated in his whole course, the later as well as the earlier one

ry, but country is the world, my History. The
name of my country is the world, my the Liberator,
Samuel, in the capital, of his native country.

